National Genetic Resources Advisory Council (NGRAC)

MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday, September 23, 2014 to Thursday, September 25, 2014

The Seed Science Center
Iowa State University, Ames, IA
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Tuesday, September 23, 2014

Seed Science Center

11:45 am	Transportation from Gateway Hotel to Seed Science Center Parking passes available upon request
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Working Lunch (for Members, Speakers, and Panelists)
	Welcome, Introductory Comments and Introduction of Members and Other Attendees
	Welcome <i>Dr. Joe Colletti</i> , Senior Associate Dean, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, Iowa State University
	Introductory Remarks Dr. Manjit Misra, Chair, NGRAC
	Expectations Regarding the Response to AC21 (via phone) <i>Dr. Michael Schechtman</i> , Biotechnology Coordinator, USDA
	Discussion on AC21 recommendations
1:00 – 1:30 pm	Activities of the American Seed Trade Association, Organic Seed Committee Charles Brown, Chair, Organic Seed Committee, ASTA
1:30 – 2:00 pm	Discussion of ASTA Organic Seed Committee Related to AC 21 Recommendations
2:00 – 2:15 pm	Break
2:15 – 2:45 pm	Economics Related to Organic Markets and Production Catherine Greene, Senior Economist, USDA Economic Research Service Wally Hoffman, Economist, Iowa State University
2:45 – 3:15 pm	Discussion on Economic Issues Related to AC 21 Recommendations
3:15 – 5:00 pm	Working Session: Address Response to AC21 Recommendations
5:00 – 5:15 pm	Public Comment
5:15 – 6:30 pm	Tour Seed Science Center, Iowa State University

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Wednesday, September 24, 2014

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7:45 am	Transportation from Gateway Hotel to Seed Science Center Parking passes available upon request
8:00 – 8:15 am	Welcome and Overview of Day Dr. Manjit Misra, Chair, NGRAC
8:15 - 9:45 am	Working Session: Address Response to AC21 Recommendations
9:45- 10:00 am	Break
10:00- 10:30 am	Remarks from the Research, Education, and Economics Mission Area (phone/VTC) Dr. Catherine Woteki, Under Secretary/USDA Chief Scientist
10:30- 11:00 am	Discussion Regarding REE Activities
11:00- 11:30 am	Update of the National Genetic Resources Program <i>Dr. Peter Bretting,</i> National Program Leader, USDA ARS
11:30 – 12:00 pm	Discussion on the NGRP
12:00- 2:30 pm	Tour of the North Central Regional Plant Introduction Station (Boxed lunch and transportation will be provided)
2:30- 2:45 pm	Break
2:45- 3:15 pm	Genetic Resources Issues Impacting Tribal Nations (phone) <i>Leslie Wheelock</i> , Director, USDA Office of Tribal Relations
3:15- 4:00 pm	Discussion Regarding Tribal Issues and Traditional Knowledge
4:00- 5:00 pm	Working Session: Development of NGRAC Recommendations
5:00- 5:30 pm	Public Comment
5:30 pm	Adjourn for evening Dinner at India Delight sponsored by the Seed Science Center for discussion and brainstorming on the NSF grant proposal

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Thursday, September 25, 2014

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7:45 am	Transportation from Gateway Hotel to Seed Science Center Parking passes available upon request
8:00- 10:00 am	 Work session Goals: Finalize NGRAC response to AC21 Recommendations Approval of NGRAC Recommendations
10:00- 10:15 am	Break
10:15- 11:45 am	Work Session Discussion on next steps for NGRAC and establish dates for next meeting
11:45- 12:00 pm	Public Comment
12:00 pm	Meeting Adjourns
12:00- 3:00 pm	Tour of DuPont Pioneer (Optional) (Boxed lunch will be provided; Carpooling to DuPont Pioneer and Des Moines Airport will be arranged)